REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are pending and will remain in the present application after this amendment. Claims 1-3, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 37, 41 and 45 have been amended to correct antecedent basis and grammar. All amendments are supported by the original specification. No new matter was added.

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-46 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-46 of co-assigned U.S. Pat. No. 6,449,490. Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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